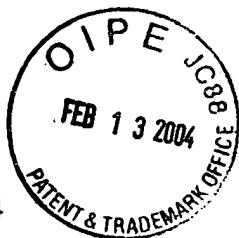


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Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Status Inquiry (2 pages); and
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